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SUBJECT: FINANCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR PORTUGAL

REF: STATE 88960

1. LATE YESTERDAY AFTERNOON I SAW FOREIGN MINISTER
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VAN ELSLANDE, EXPLAINED THE REASONS FOR THE INTERNATIONAL
LENDING EFFORT TO ASSIST PORTUGAL, AND URGED BELGIUM TO
PARTICIPATE.

2. VAN ELSLANDE SAID THAT HE PERSONALLY CONSIDERED IT
ESSENTIAL TO SUPPORT SOARES. HE ADDED, HOWEVER, THAT
THERE WERE THREE FACTORS TO BE CONSIDERED IN FASHIONING

BELGIUM'S RESPONSE TO THE U.S. PROPOSAL TO SET UP A COORDINATED INTERNATIONAL LENDING EFFORT: (A) THERE WAS LITTLE ENTHUSIASM WITHIN THE EUROPEAN COMMUNITY FOR SUCH AN EFFORT; (B) THE BELGIUM BUDGETARY DEFICIT WAS ALREADY UNACCEPTABLY HIGH; (C) BELGIUM HAD ONLY A CARETAKER GOVERNMENT.

3. VAN ELSLANDE DOUBTED THAT THE NEW BELGIUM GOVERNMENT WOULD BE FORMED BY MID-MAY. HOWEVER, BELGIUM PROBABLY WOULD BE ABLE TO SEND SOMEONE TO THE MEETING AT IMF HEADQUARTERS BUT THAT HE WOULD NOT BE EMPOWERED TO MAKE ANY COMMITMENTS.RENNER

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